

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato) the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Hopedale High School,—harrriers.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating the Hopedale High School Blue Raiders boys cross country team on winning the 2013 Division II Central Massachusetts championship; and

John Stewart-Racicot.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating John Stewart-Racicot of Boy Scout Troop 516 on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Capital Debt Affordability Committee.

From the Capital Debt Affordability Committee (see Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) detailing said committee's capital debt issuance amount determination which may be prudently authorized by the Governor for the next fiscal year;

Public Health,—dental hygienist.

From the Department Public Health (see Section 14 of Chapter 530 of the Acts of 2008) submitting its report on public health dental hygienists; and

Travel and Tourism,—annual report.

From the Advisory Commission on Travel and Tourism submitting its annual report (see section 13H of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) of its budget recommendations and marketing strategies for the promotion of travel and tourism to the Commonwealth;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Hardwick,—Parks and Recreation commission.

By Representative Gobi of Spencer and Senator Brewer, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3818) of Anne M. Gobi and Stephen M. Brewer (by vote of the town) that the town of Hardwick be authorized to change the parks and recreation commission from an elected board to an appointed board. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3819) of Todd M. Smola, Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) that the town of Ware be authorized to appoint Michele Moorhouse a police officer in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Ware,—
Michele
Moorhouse.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola relative to providing patients with a list of the interchangeable drug products that correspond to the drugs being prescribed.

Patients,—
interchangeable
drugs.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carol L. Clark, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Carol
Clark,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and others for legislation to require post secondary institutions to inform students of their right to call their parents and their right to an attorney in the event of a disciplinary hearing that may result in expulsion.

Higher
education,—
student
rights.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the town manager in the town of Cohasset (House, No. 3486), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 4, in line 260, striking out the following: “(c)” (as changed by the House committee on Bills in the Third Reading) and inserting in place thereof the following: “(a)”; and, in lines 267 and 268, striking out the following: “or subsection (c)”. The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Cohasset,—
town
manager.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Laureen Doolan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3738, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 4, inserting after the word “Doolan”, the first time it appears, the words “to care for her children”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Laureen
Doolan,—
sick leave.

A petition of Richard T. Moore, Michael O. Moore, John F. Keenan, Brian A. Joyce and other members of the General Court for legislation to designate June fourteenth as the birthday of the United States Army and June ninth as General Sylvanus Thayer Day, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

General
Sylvanus
Thayer
Day, etc.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1963) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Prison,—
deliveries.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Randy Hunt for legislation to enhance enforcement of laws banning the delivering of drugs or articles to prisoners in correctional institutions or jails. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Nonviolent
offenders,—
treatment.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Randy Hunt and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to mandated treatment and monitoring of nonviolent offenders with substance addictions. To the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

James
Cooney,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jennifer E. Benson and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Cooney, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Cultural
Fund,—
tax return
donations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Randy Hunt, Cory Atkins and others for legislation to authorize income tax filers to make voluntary contributions to the Massachusetts Cultural Development Fund on their annual income tax returns. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the granting of special licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Lincoln (see House, No. 3532); and

Relative to the Greater Haverhill Foundation (House, No. 3650);
(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Trina Higgins, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1956), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain bill (House, No. 3477);

Authorizing the town of Lincoln to grant a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3531);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph W. Teta, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3781); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Beth-Ann Litchfield, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3808);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The further amendment of the Senate Bill relative to the release of a body by the medical examiner to a person suspected or charged with an offense which resulted in the death of the deceased (Senate, No. 1099 changed and amended) (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was considered.

Medical examiners,—
release of
bodies.

Mr. Speliotis of Danvers then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its further amendment with a still further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3820. The still further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the still further amendments.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Belmont to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3780), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly, was read a third time.

Belmont,—
liquor
licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Rogers of Cambridge moved to amend it in lines 7 to 17, inclusive, by striking out the two paragraphs contained in those lines.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3780, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Trina Higgins, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1956), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Trina Higgins,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.